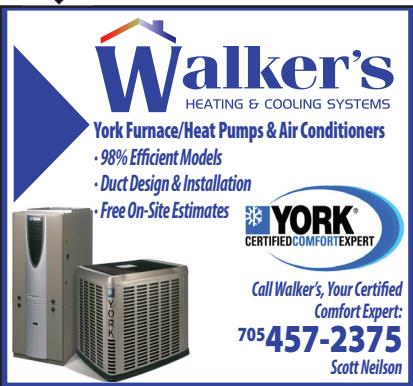


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Haliburton finalist for Hockeyville

Community votes necessary to win national competition and \$100,000 prize

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

This past weekend Haliburton got one step closer to the news we already know to be true: we are Hockeyville.

On March 14 Kraft Hockeyville announced Haliburton as one of the top 10 finalists for the competition that crowns a Canadian community with the title of Hockeyville and awards them with \$100,000 for arena upgrades. The winning community also has the privilege of hosting an NHL pre-season game in their arena.

The runner up will receive \$100,000 for arena upgrades as well.

Making it into the top 10 means Haliburton has already won \$25,000 to be used at their discretion for arena upgrades and improvements.

Haliburton was chosen among a total of 1,037 nominations submitted across Canada. The communities that made it to the top 10 include: Dawson Creek, B.C.; North Saanich, B.C.; Bonnyville, Alta.; Morinville, Alta.; Morden, Man.; Chatham-Kent, Ont.; Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce, Que.; Mid-

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Storm teams battle it out in all-Ontario championships

Players from the Highland Storm Bantam A team defend their goalie during their game against Ingersoll on Sunday, March 15 at the AJ LaRue arena in Haliburton. Ingersoll won the first two games of the series. The next two games are being played in Ingersoll. More on page 16, 19, 20 and 21. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Haliburton County taxes to rise 2.7 per cent

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors passed the 2015 budget at a special meeting on March 11.

It will cost \$20,746,400 for the upper tier to operate this year and \$13.7 million of that will be derived from property taxes.

The bulk of the county's two major

roads capital projects for the year will be covered by a \$1.9 million loan councillors agreed the county will take out.

Those projects – paving on county roads 503 and 507 and also county roads 7 and 14 – are collectively going to cost about \$250,000 more than was anticipated.

Tenders for the projects were opened and council has awarded the 503/507 project to CoCo Paving for \$513,270 plus

taxes and the 7/14 project to Fowler Construction for \$1,625,000 plus taxes.

Treasurer Laura Janke said any reduction in the scope of the work would reduce the size of the loan.

"If we cut back the project, we'll cut back the size of the borrowing," she said.

Councillors agreed the loan would be repaid over four years, meaning yearly payments of approximately \$505,000,

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Chambers honoured with plaque

Phyllis Waind, Thomas Chambers's daughter, attended a plaque revealing ceremony with Haliburton fire chief Miles Maughan on Thursday, March 12 in Haliburton. The plaque honours and remembers her late father who died in a fire 59 years ago at the Bank of Montreal. At the time, his was the largest funeral Haliburton Village had seen. The plaque can be seen on the side of the Dawson Gray building on the way to the health unit entrance.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Traffic stop in Haliburton leads to multiple charges

On Saturday, March 7 at approximately 5 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP conducted a traffic stop in the Village of Haliburton.

Further to the stop the officers discovered that the male occupant of the vehicle was in breach of recognizance conditions and he was subsequently arrested.

A search of the man and the vehicle led to the discovery of two firearms and a quantity of marijuana.

Further to the initial search, a search warrant was executed on a Haliburton residence that resulted in the seizure of more firearms, ammunition, drugs, tools, electronics and multiple cellphones.

Charged is a 29-year-old man of Peterborough. He is charged with breach of recognizance, firearm offences and drug offences. The accused was held for a bail hearing in Lindsay.

Submitted

Roads dept makes up bulk of budget

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for a total repayment of approximately \$2,017,000. Repayment will not begin until 2016.

Financial pressures facing Haliburton County this year include a \$136,000 drop in equalization payments from the province (a trend that has been ongoing for years) and a number of infrastructure projects including some \$300,000 of work required on the Dark Lake bridge.

The county recently learned it was approved for a grant for the rehabilitation of the Head Lake bridge in Haliburton. At \$780,000, the grant will pay for 54 per cent of the required work, the remainder of the bill falling to the county.

The levy in the 2015 budget represents a 5.9 per cent increase over last year's levy. Residential and commercial taxes will increase by 2.7 per cent.

This means an increase from \$173.14 to \$177.84 for every \$100,000 of residential assessment.

"You're going to give the county \$47 more if you have a million-dollar home," Janke said.

For commercial properties, it means an increase from \$256.72 to \$263.69 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

Of the \$13.7 million that will come from taxation, more than \$13 million, some 95 per cent, will come from residential taxes.

The roads department constitutes the bulk of the county's budget at 43 per cent. Health, which includes EMS, comes next at 26 per cent, then social services and housing at nine per cent and administration at six per cent.

The county library system and the fees it must pay to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation each represent four per cent of the budget.

The tourism department accounts for three per cent, planning two. Other various costs round out three per cent of the budget.

The county will take out a separate, \$1.7 million loan to pay for its new EMS base on the former Walker's Auto Repair property along Highway 35 in Minden.

That represents approximately \$1.2 million for construction, as well as \$80,000 in contingencies, \$385,000 in property costs and some \$23,000 in non-recoverable HST. The cost for the base will likely be amortized over a period of 15 to 25 years.

A deficit of \$600,000 from 2014 will be paid for through reserves. The shortfall was accrued mostly in the roads department, due largely to a harsh winter last

year and flooding around Canada Day.

The 2015 budget includes a \$100,000 winter maintenance reserve for the roads department and it's now estimated that total reserves will sit at approximately \$3.13 million at year's end.

The county is starting 2015 with less than \$3 million in reserves, which it intends to replenish through the sale of a portion of the former Walker's property to Minden Hills.

The county has been debt-free for a number of years and taking out a loan is a new direction for council, which, for the past few years, has been drawing down reserves in order to keep property tax increases relatively low.

"What that's done is put us behind the eight-ball in a number critical areas," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "It is a difficult direction, but it has to be done."

Dysart et al Murray Fearrey pointed out the county's lack of debt has actually got it turned down for grants from upper levels of government in the past few years.

"You're not going to get provincial grants unless you're in debt," said Fearrey, who quipped his hands were shaking as councillors voted to adopt the budget.

Head Lake ice out contest

Don't forget: it's time to place your bets for when the last chunk of ice will melt off of Head Lake in Haliburton.

The winner (closest in date and time) gets a one-year subscription to *The Haliburton County Echo*!

Send your prediction to jenn@haliburtonpress.com or drop it off at 146 Highland Street in Haliburton. You can also tweet with the hashtag #HeadLakeIceOut.

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Local girl making her mark in the modelling world

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Avery Bullock loves being in front of the camera.

A seven-year-old Grade 2 student at Stuart Baker Elementary School, Avery feels so comfortable in the spotlight it has propelled her into the world of modelling in a very short period of time.

The idea of modelling came to Avery's parents after a visit to a portrait studio to get annual family photos taken.

"After coming back from getting their pictures done she says 'Mommy, I think I'd like to do that again,'" said Victoria Bullock, Avery's mother. "She says 'Can I go and be in a magazine?'"

Last June, Victoria and her husband Bob began exploring options with Avery and started inquiring with modelling agencies. Before long they received interest from three different agencies.

"Instantly we got a response from all three saying we'd like to meet you," said Victoria. "They all wanted to represent her."

The family decided to go with an agency called Minor Details, due to a level of comfort and professionalism they brought to the table.

"They do have contracts with WalMart, Sears and Target," said Victoria.

This appealed to Avery, who had a keen interest in doing print modelling.

"But the first job she landed was a commercial," said Victoria.

Following the commercial, Avery landed a job modelling for a WalMart

flyer, a Barbie YouTube commercial for the Make a Wish Foundation and this spring she can be seen in the Sears Catalogue, which was delivered to county mailboxes in the past few weeks.

All of this has happened in less than a year.

Avery gets selected for jobs through an audition process.

"Your agent submits the children that meet the criteria that they're looking for," said Victoria. "Then the casting agency filters through those. They receive like 10,000 applicants, they filter them through to like 2,000."

It was a process like this that Avery went through to land the Barbie commercial, which featured only six children.

For Avery the experiences so far have been really enjoyable.

"It's fun," she says.

Recounting the photo shoot process, Avery has a standout favourite part of the experience: getting her hair and make-up done.

Aside from modelling, the Grade 2 student has many interests and hobbies, including figure skating, dance and playing soccer. She belongs to many local organizations and teams, where she does these activities on a weekly basis.

Victoria never thought her daughter would be a model but is supportive of Avery's career.

"This was her idea," said Victoria.

Avery has been saving the money she has made so far for her future education, however she has been allowed to make one frivolous purchase.

"I bought a toy," she says.

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It feels like the world sees me.

— Avery Bullock

Born and raised in Haliburton, Avery isn't sure how long she will be a model, but is hoping it will be for a while.

"Every night she comes home asking if she has an audition," said Victoria.

Featured in this season's Sears catalogue, Avery gets a great feeling when she sees herself in a magazine or commercial. It's why she loves being a model.

"It feels like the world sees me."



Seven-year-old Avery Bullock is making a name for herself in the modelling world, with several big gigs under her belt. The Stuart Baker Elementary School student started modelling in June 2014 and has already done work for WalMart and Barbie. This spring Avery can be seen in the Sears catalogue, delivered throughout Haliburton County. /Photo submitted

RLCA recognized for achievements by Ontario cottage association

Every year FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) gives an award at the discretion of its board of directors to recognize an achievement by one of its member associations that is consistent with FOCA's mission to protect thriving and sustainable waterfronts across Ontario.

FOCA said that this year Redstone Lake Cottagers' Association was chosen because they are a great example of an association making a positive impact on their local environment.

The nomination was in the research/education category, to acknowledge the work of the association, and its lake stewards in conducting shoreline assessment for all of the properties on its lakes.

RLCA is a member of CHA – the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations.

CHA had been working on a project to classify all the lakefront properties on a few lakes and brought that project to its member associations.

RLCA was the first association to take on the assessment of its lakes, as a subset of the much larger CHA initiative. Lake Stewards Bob Cole and Mike Johnson were the leaders in having the shorelines of Big and Little Redstone Lakes, Pelaw Lake, Bitter Lake and Burdock lake assessed by Trent University students.

That assessment work was completed last summer with additional assistance from various members of RLCA and with the continued advice and assistance of Paul MacInnes of CHA.

The owners on the shorelines of the five lakes expect to receive confidential reports about their shorelines later this spring.

RLCA will continue to provide advice to its members about improving their shorelines and will bring together and post information on the RLCA website that will assist property owners with remediation.

The shoreline assessments were conducted from the water without accessing private property and each owner was given the option to opt out of the project if they chose to do so. Over 500 property owners were contacted and only four or five opted out of the project.

Lake stewards have made the leap from just focusing on water quality itself to learning and doing more about sustaining healthy shorelines which preserve that water quality for the next generations.

Congratulations to RLCA, its lake stewards, board and members for supporting this initiative. Special thanks to CHA for the opportunity to make this happen.



On behalf of the FOCA board of directors, Terry Kennedy presented the FOCA Achievement Award (2014) to Bob Cole (president) and Mike Johnson (lake steward) of Redstone Lake Cottagers Association; also pictured are Paul MacInnes of the Coalition of Haliburton Associations, Terry Rees of FOCA, and Barbara LeVasseur (secretary) of Redstone Lake Cottagers Association. /Photo submitted

Submitted by RLCA

Paramedicine program ready for home visits

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's community paramedicine program is ready to roll. Last August, the municipality received \$85,000 in funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the establishment of a program that will see specially trained paramedics make home visits to some of the community's most vulnerable seniors.

These visits will include checking blood pressure, making sure clients are taking their medications, ensuring safe and clean conditions and are designed to reduce required trips to see physicians.

Wireless technology will also allow doctors to check up on patients, remotely.

Paramedics have now received geriatric training and during a March 11 EMS committee meeting, EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones said he was notifying the Haliburton Family Health Team that the program was ready for clients.

Local doctors will identify clients who would be suitable for the service and Jones has said there is only enough funding to look after a few people for the time being.

"I've sent a letter . . . saying, essentially, we're open for business," Jones told councillors.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wondered about at-risk people who may not be registered with a doctor.

"Is there any opportunity to get them into this program?" she asked.

"They kind of have to be attached to a physician," Jones said, adding otherwise the paramedics were getting into a legislatively grey area. Down the road, he added, there may be opportunities to identify individuals with no supports.

"You'd just hate to think the people who are already between the cracks will stay there," Moffatt said.

The funding the county received last year will sustain the program until July.

Ducks Unlimited hosts four-on-four

Players compete in the fourth annual Haliburton Ducks Unlimited Canada Four on Four Hockey Tournament on March 14 at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The two-day fundraising event included many teams competing in 30-minute games for first and second place prizes. The event also included a beer garden and dance.

ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Hydro One process 'shameful,' Scott says

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott is calling the billing procedure and customer service at Hydro One shameful and criticizing a process she says can leave residents with their electricity unfairly cut off.

Scott says that by far, the No. 1 issue she hears about from constituents is hydro, and not just about spiralling costs or complaints around the corporation's troubled smart meter program.

"The billing problems at Hydro One have been monumental," Scott writes in a piece called Navigating the Troubled Waters of Hydro One. "Frustrated hydro customers have been faced with missing bills, incomprehensible billing statements, widespread misunderstanding of Hydro One billing policies and what has seemed like a total breakdown in customer service."

Under the Hydro One billing system, Day 1 is the day on which the bill is printed. Allowing up to three days for delivery, customers are supposed to receive their bills some time on Days 2 through 4. Day 20 is the last day on which payment can be received before customers receive a late charge, that charge being 1.5 per cent of the balance, compounded monthly.

"This becomes rather complicated when customers don't receive their bill in the timeframe indicated or if the amount of the bill or its accuracy is being disputed," Scott writes.

"My office has received countless complaints from constituents about receiving an estimated bill, followed by a rebill for a very large amount, with pages and pages of information which the customer cannot understand. They are simply told, 'this is what you owe.'"

Hydro One reserves the right to disconnect a customer's service for a variety of reasons, including failing to pay a bill.

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My office has received countless complaints from constituents.

— MPP Laurie Scott

"If a customer is disconnected, the troubles become magnified many times over," Scott writes.

"In addition to paying additional late fees, the customer is often required to pay a security deposit above and beyond the amount of the bill. The customer can also be liable for inspection charges, the payment of collection efforts, and so on, which makes it even more difficult for a customer to recover from what can be a terrible situation."

The MPP goes on to criticize the summary of conditions of service on Hydro One's website.

"This litany of legalese spells out everything that is demanded of the customer and makes clear that Hydro One assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from such things as service interruptions and power surges," she writes.

"Although the list makes it very clear that a customer is required to provide accurate information to Hydro One, there is no reciprocal clause which says that Hydro One has any obligation to provide accurate billing information. This is where the shameful deterioration of customer service has occurred, when customers are unable to get the help and explanations they need from Hydro One. As a result, my office, and those of other MPPs across Ontario, becomes the last resort for customers who are often desperate by the time they turn to their elected officials."

Hydro One doesn't deny there have been problems since a new billing frame-

work was introduced nearly two years ago and a spokesperson says the corporation is working on it.

"Hydro One implemented a new billing system in May 2013 and some issues occurred for about five per cent of our customers, including billing delay or persistent estimates," communications officer Nancy Shaddick wrote in an email to the paper.

"Approximately 50,000 of our 1.3 million customers were affected initially. We've come a long way. The technical issues are in hand and now our focus is on continuing to improve our customer service. We are looking forward to the future to find ways to deliver better service through different tools and apps for our customers. When our customers' needs evolve or issues come up, we have to be there for them and offer simple and effective solutions."

According to Shaddick, Hydro One has assembled what it calls a Service Champions Advisory Panel consisting of experts from outside the corporation to give Hydro One advice on how to improve customer service.

"The panel's recommendations will be made public and we will publish our progress against a series of customer service metrics that our customers can tell us matter to them," she wrote.

"In addition, we have retained all of our call centre agents to focus on the customer experience rather than the transaction. This also includes training on being an advocate for our customers and following up on any outstanding questions or actions that may be required along with providing energy advice on conservation programs or tips that can help reduce consumption."

Shaddick encouraged any customers with issues or concerns to contact Hydro One's customer service team at 1-888-664-9376.

The ombudsman's office can be reached at 1-800-263-1830, the premier's office at 1-416-325-1941.



Haliburton family develops line of animal lip balms

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Like many girls their age, Danielle, 9, and Heather Barton, 8, love lip balm.

The sisters, who attend Stuart Baker Elementary School and J.D. Hodgson, used to have lip balm parties with their friends.

However unlike most girls their age, Danielle and Heather took their passion further and turned their love into a blooming empire known as Bebe Bartoons.

Inspired by a lip balm craze they were seeing on social media, the sisters and their parents, Michelle and Andrew, thought it would be fun to try to create their own lip balm.

"One day we were all sitting around and we started talking about making animals," said Michelle.

The Bartons got brainstorming and Heather and Danielle began drawing animals that could be transformed into small collectibles.

A graphic designer by trade, Michelle assisted the girls in turning their drawings into prototypes.

Developed over the past year, Bebe Bartoons is a line of collectible lip balms shaped like animals.

The first two animals to be released are a panda that comes in a bubblegum ice cream flavour and an elephant that features a "miracle" berry flavour.

"What we're going to do is release two new animals every season," said Michelle. "All of the animals all fit together perfectly ... so hopefully the collection will grow and expand."

With an entrepreneurial background and business specializing in corporate gifts and awards, the Bartons began sourcing materials and manufacturers to turn their lip balm concepts into reality.

Cosmetic companies were contacted to help find the right lip balm ingredients and flavours for the product.

"It's been really fun," said Michelle. "We've gone through quite a few renditions of it."

The name Bebe Bartoons, a take on Barton and cartoon, came to the family through their brainstorming process, which often happens in the hot tub, said Andrew.

"The think tank, that's what we call it," said Andrew. "You're actually relaxed and can take your mind off things."



Nine-year-old Danielle Barton, left, and her eight-year-old sister Heather Barton were two of the creators of Bebe Bartoons, a line of animals that open up to reveal flavoured lip balm on the inside. The girls, with the help of their parents, came up with the idea for the product, which they designed and developed themselves. The balms just arrived in Canada in the past few weeks and are for sale throughout Haliburton County. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Over the past year the family has been working with the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Sticks and Stones Productions and the Spark Centre of Ontario to help develop and launch the product.

The feedback and assistance they have received so far has been phenomenal, says Michelle.

"They brought in advisors to help us," she said. "They have become a huge asset to us."

Just this month the Bartons took Bebe Bartoons to an audition for CBC's *Dragon's Den* and hope to hear if they were successful with their pitch in the next month or so. The audition was done in front of the show's producers.

"It went really well," said Michelle. "it was really positive ... we met a toy distributor ... we made some good contacts."

A start-up business, Bebe Bartoons is hoping to use social media to get the word out, with weekly giveaway contests being done on Instagram and Facebook. The Bartons are also looking into doing a crowd funding campaign for the product.

One of the best parts of launching Bebe Bartoons is that it is a family affair, said Michelle.

"It's so much fun to do it as a family," she said.

The collectible balms are refillable and more flavours will be released down the road. Each balm features a heart-shaped design.

The family is hoping Bebe Bartoons will grow to have many different character collections, such as sea creatures.

To date 2,000 balms have been created, with another 20,000 on order.

The lip balms are currently for sale at various locations through the county, including Pharmasave, Remedy RX and Up River Trading Company in Minden.

Haliburton Dance Academy is also selling Bebe Bartoons as a fundraiser for their studio, where both Heather and Danielle take dance lessons.

The balms can also be ordered online.

For more information on Bebe Bartoons, visit www.bebebartoons.com or email sales@bebebartoons.com.



County councillors consider a proclamation policy

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

To fly or not to fly?
That is the question.

Haliburton County councillors will be discussing whether the municipality should allow the flying of flags of various organizations outside county chambers on Minden's Newcastle Street.

It has been the county's policy not to issue proclamations or allow various flags to be raised outside the municipality's office.

However, county council did make an exception last September, when it allowed the CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) flag to be flown outside

the Newcastle Street building on Oct. 1, National Seniors' Day.

At that time, council had discussed the possibility of a policy that would allow the flying of such flags and asked staff for some options.

During a March 11 meeting of the county's finance and correspondence committee, chief administrative officer Jim Wilson presented councillors with a report.

"Many municipalities do not issue proclamations due to potential issues of granting or turning down requests from various organizations," Wilson's report read. "However, for those municipalities that do grant requests for the issuance of a proclamation or fly an organization's flag, research shows that the head of council with municipal council approval

will designate a special day, week or month that benefit one or more of the following causes: arts; cultural celebrations; charitable fundraising campaigns; civic promotions; and public awareness campaigns."

Wilson's report indicated that municipalities tend to ban flying the flags of political parties or organizations; businesses; making any proclamations against county bylaws or that defame the county; any organization that has no interest in or relationship with the county; national independence or republic days; and celebrations, campaigns or events intended to make profit.

"They have specific criteria," Wilson told councillors. "Sometimes issues can be controversial . . . and then council is

caught in between."

That's precisely where Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey does not want to be.

Fearrey expressed skepticism about the county appearing to be an advocate for various organizations.

"What about a religious group?" he asked. "There's some dangers with this, as well as some positives."

Other councillors agreed a policy allowing the county to make proclamations could put council in an awkward position.

Councillors will discuss the issue further at a full meeting of Haliburton County council.

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Vote March 21 for Hockeyville

HALIBURTON is in the top 10 in the Kraft Hockeyville competition and already entitled to \$25,000 in arena upgrades, but the town needs our help to get to No. 1.

This community rose to the top from amongst more than 1,000 nominations across the country and is less than three weeks away from finding out if it will receive the grand prize of \$100,000.

Organizers of this year's application should be beaming with pride for what they have accomplished. It is no small task to put together the stories and photos about Haliburton's hockey history and then raise enough interest on social media to push that application to the top of the pile.

They had much to work with.

As was reported when Haliburton launched its campaign to be the next Kraft Hockeyville, "Haliburton has 36 championship and 24 finalist banners hanging from the A.J. LaRue arena rafters, former and current NHL players who started playing here, including rising star Matt Duchene of the Colorado Avalanche," Cody Hodgson of the Buffalo Sabres, has twice hosted the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships and, of course, Haliburton is the home of Hockey Haven, which attracted major names in the sport and encouraged excellence in the game.

One has only to look through the pages of this week's *Echo* to understand why this village is amongst the finalists for the Hockeyville

title.

Both the girls' and boys' Red Hawks teams competed in the provincial finals for high school hockey, three of our minor hockey teams have made it to the all-Ontario finals and outside official organized sport, lake residents are using pond hockey to raise thousands of dollars (this year a whopping \$17,000) for Alzheimer's disease research, while conservationists hosted a four-on-four tournament for Ducks Unlimited.

Hockeyville cash will be used to spruce up the A.J. LaRue arena, which needs energy efficiency upgrades. The second floor is still inaccessible.

How much work can be done on our facility – which was built 50 years ago – depends on how far Haliburton gets in this competition.

Reaching the top 10 was a matter of convincing a panel of judges. Round 2 is

about showing community support.

Starting March 21 at 11 p.m., we all need to start voting for Haliburton at KHV2015.ca. The voting window only lasts until Monday, March 23 at 11:59 p.m., so there's not much time.

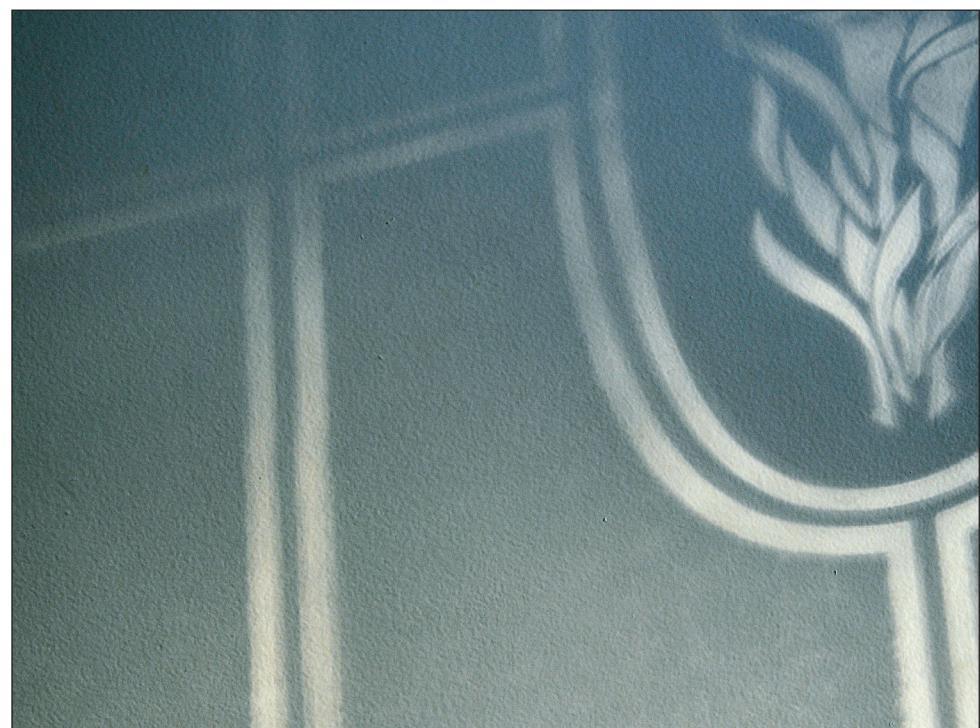
The two communities that get the most votes move on to another round of voting at the end of the month with the grand prize winner announced on Hockey Night in Canada in early April.

So rev up your computer, warm up your mouse and get ready to make Haliburton this year's Hockeyville.



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Editorial



Shadows on the wall

by Darren Lum

Magic

THE PRACTICE OF YOGA helps us become more comfortable with surprises and the unknown.

Every single yoga posture is always unique and different because of the very subtle refinements that the yogi makes as she pays attention to the smallest actions in the pose. There are 1,000 variations of every pose.

Over time a yogi becomes strong and stable, precise and focused and very attuned to small actions in the pose that make a big difference.

They do this by learning to stay present, aware and mindful. In my experience the magic happens in a pose during the smallest of the details.

The magic in the pose is so subtle and yet so profound.

The work of the yoga practice then becomes paying attention to moments of magic and playfulness and ease and taking those lessons and applying them to our everyday postures of life in very small ways.

We each have the capacity to add magic into our lives – into the most beautiful situations and even in trying ones.

I had a very magical experience recently. It was the March full moon (the last full moon of the winter) which is sometimes referred to as the "worm moon" because of the worm trails that would appear in the newly thawed ground.

In more northern parts of the world it is sometimes called the "crow moon" referring to the sound that the crows make signalling the end of winter.

I know many people who went outside on the full bright worm moon to

Tales from the great



Lynda
Shadbolt

green meadow

walk their dog, snowshoe, ice fish and snowmobile.

I joined a group of people who spent the evening at Moosewoods enjoying the cross-country skiing.

We arrived to a path that was lit by handmade ice candles. It was magical.

Carolyn Ellis took the time to make the candles and place them carefully and that small action said loud and clearly "welcome and I care that you have come."

A small magical gift that set the tone for a special evening.

The fire was lit in the hut and homemade treats were provided for everyone.

The moon was so bright that headlamps were not needed. As we glided quietly along the trails the moon and the stars lit our way. It was -18°C and the air was so

fresh and we all felt incredibly grateful.

These are the magical moments that make Haliburton County the best place in the world to live.

So simple and so profound.

Each of us just needs to pay attention to the magic that is already there, and how we can add even a little bit more into it.

I think we can all agree that this relates to our families and to our work.

We are all magicians.

Saturday, April 4 is the next full moon has many names such as the Full Pink Moon which welcomes one of the first spring flowers – wild ground phlox. It is also known as the Egg Moon, Fish Moon and Grass Moon.

I wonder what magic will happen between my full worm moon ski and the next full moon.

points of view

Trash talk

LOOK AT THAT," I said. "They're slowing down to have a look."

"They are not," Jenn replied. "They're slowing down so they don't hit those kids."

I nodded in agreement, as is outlined on page 23 of the *How to keep the woman in your life happy manual*. But deep down I think we both knew that the people in that car were staring at our latest home renovation.

After all, it's not every day that you see a Rubbermaid Roughneck 26 gallon trash container out there on display in our neighbourhood.

Luckily, ours matches the siding of our house. Which is why I felt it was OK to keep it by the front door.

That's right, I bought a Roughneck 26!

Before I continue, let me just say that I'm still the same humble guy I used to be. The fact that I now own a high quality trash can doesn't change any of that.

Heck, I still remember what it was like to place kitchen garbage bags on the snow bank until enough accumulated to warrant a trip to the shed.

Just because I'm living the good life now and placing our kitchen garbage in a two-tone blue Roughneck doesn't make me better than the next guy.

Do I feel fortunate? Sure. Who wouldn't?

I mean, up till Saturday morning a Roughneck 26 gallon was just another one of those things I dreamed I'd one day acquire. And even in that dream, I thought I'd own a used one at best.

But when I saw that baby in the outdoor living section on Saturday morning something inside me snapped.

So I looked at Jenn and said, "You know what? I'm going for it!"

For those of you who have never gone through the process of buying a top of the line garbage can – a made in Canada, Model 2888, with 121-litre capacity and lifetime warranty – let me just say you don't know what you are missing.

People look at you differently. I suspect they're thinking, "There's a guy who has made it."

Despite this, as I carried it towards the checkout, I tried not to let it go to my head. Sure, I carried it like a hockey player carrying the Stanley Cup, and I'll even admit to two laps around the store, but otherwise I played it cool.

Yes, when one old-timer behind me at the checkout looked at it, I couldn't help but smile and say, "You only live once." But who could blame me for that?

The best part is I checked the Rubbermaid website this morning and the 2888 is no longer in stock. Apparently, it's been discontinued. Maybe it's too soon to call it a collector's item or a classic, but I think it's fair to say its value is sure to go up.

Not that I intend to sell it.

You see, owning a high-end trash can is not about the money so much as it is about appreciating the finer things in life.

And, yes, the status too. After all, when you see someone who keeps a 2888 in the front yard, you can't help but think the guy probably has a 33-quart, model 2841 step-on waste can in the kitchen. Am I right?

Of course, I'm right.

I won't lie to you. I'll probably casually mention it at social events. But that won't be because I'm shamelessly trying to climb to the upper rungs of the social ladder. No, if I bring up my 2888, it will be because I figure the person I'm speaking to also has impeccable taste.

I'll probably pick up on a subtle hint, like mention of a new trailer hitch or perhaps talk of buying premium beef jerky.

Once that happens, I'll know that I won't be showing off so much as showing that I get it.

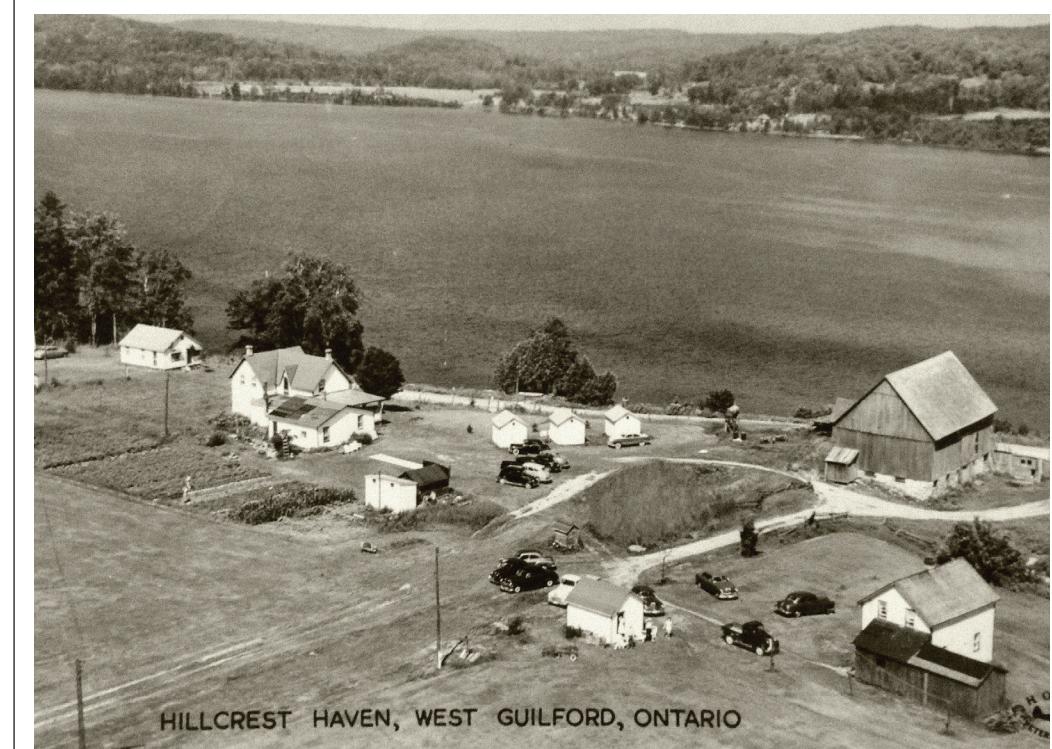
Pardon me if all of this seemed like I was bragging. I'm just a little excited about how far I've come.

Now, if only we could find a bargain on a 2841...



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

Hillcrest Haven in West Guilford in 1952. Postcard sent in by Carol Moffatt. Do you have a pic of the past? Send it to jenn@haliburtonpress.com or drop it by the office at 146 Highland St. Haliburton.

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How has your service and billing with Hydro One been?

Trish Nesbitt

Delivery charges are outrageous. We are paying over \$200 per month and have shut down everything we can over the winter. Much more than we pay at our permanent home in Oshawa.

Marylou Clark

Last year they made a big mistake. My bill was three times higher than normal. After four months of phone calls, turns out they were wrong and gave us three months of hydro free.

Carol Wagler Bauman

What I didn't realize, and we are very fortunate in that we have somehow escaped these outrageous bills, but if you live in a large city, your delivery charge is much, much lower than those of us living in a low density area.

Jodi Gienow

I am a new resident to the community and new to hydro heating. I was stunned that my conservative usage I owed approx. \$939 for three week bill! I called to inquire and they told me that nobody should use hydro for heating. The following month I turned everything down or off, and moved myself only into my bedroom. I have wood burning stove on main floor and propane heating in basement. When I opened the following month bill only to discover all my efforts were in vain. I owed \$1,000! This amount equals my rent.

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A healthy passion: Marty's turns 25

JENN WATT

Editor

The Gryciuks have made decisions in life based on what feels right. When living in Toronto got tiresome, they moved to California. When California disappointed, they headed to cottage country, to the place Rolf Gryciuk spent summers at the family cottage in Coboconk.

Marty Gryciuk's passion for knitting and spinning set them in their direction as store owners – first with yarn and supplies and then branching into health foods.

"The beginning of the company was the yarn store. Basically when we moved up we started Marty's dream of having a small knitting store," says Rolf.

At the time, the couple was living in Coboconk and looking for a location for the store. They thought about Minden, which Rolf remembered visiting as a teenager when the arena hosted big-name bands, but decided to make the drive on to Haliburton.

"It was the middle of July and people were bumper to bumper, shoulder to shoulder along the sidewalks. We fell in love with the place. We rented a store that day and put our house up for sale. It sold within 30 days and we've been in Haliburton since then," he says.

They were first located in the basement of the Village Barn, then moved to the Dawson Gray building. At that time, Marty's was a yarn shop.

About eight years into the business, an opportunity presented itself.



Marty's Fibresden Health Foods, Knitting and Spinning owners Marty and Rolf Gryciuk share a laugh in their store, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The pair moved from Toronto to the Haliburton area for a lifestyle change and fell in love with the place. JENN WATT Staff

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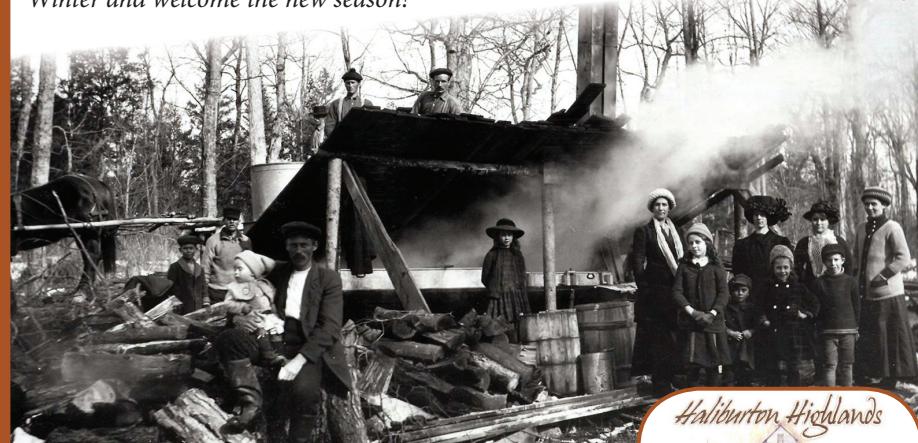
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Maple Fest returns with old-fashioned maple syrup making, tasty treats, kids' crafts and fun contests all week long!

"It was when we were in the upper level of the Dawson Gray building that the health food store when bankrupt," Marty says.

The existing health food store was up for liquidation and the pair made the leap into a new field. Marty studied natural foods and medicines and before long, it became the most profitable part of the business.

Today, the yarn side of Marty's accounts for about 10 per cent of sales. The rest is made up from supplements, medicines, natural foods, natural soaps, beeswax and more.

In 25 years, the Gryciuks have moved the business seven times. "I think we're the most moved business in the area," Marty says.

They are currently at 13513 Highway 118 in their own building. They had previously been in the same building as the funeral home and before that were across from the liquor store on main street.

"It takes two years to recoup the business and yet we move every three. So, yes, that's been an ongoing battle," Rolf says.

Recently, a new wing of the business has emerged, with Marty opening a separate studio where she makes unique garments for sale. She has also sold several pieces at the Textile Museum in Toronto.

"I'm specializing in dog fur, spinning dog fur. The process I go through is a very long process, but the end result is a luxury fibre that equals angora, cashmere," she says.

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She doesn't knit when she sleeps. That's about the only time.

— Rolf Gryciuk

Asked if Marty knits every day, the couple laughs.

"She doesn't knit when she sleeps. That's about the only time," Rolf says.

Marty has been knitting since she was three years old, when she would make garments for her dolls. When her sister came along, 11-year-old Marty would make clothes for her.

Later, she became a test knitter, trying out patterns for Patons. The company quickly realized that she could solve problems with patterns and she became involved in design.

In all this time, knitting has never lost its appeal to Marty, who has always had a natural knack for the craft.

"It just comes naturally. I'm sorry, that's the only way I can describe it. It just makes sense," she says.

There have been struggles along the way for the shop. Aside from moving seven times, they also face the widespread problem retail stores encounter of competing against the Internet. Additionally, health foods have gained greater acceptance in the last 25 years.

At first blush, it seems that would help the bottom line for Marty's Health Foods, but Rolf says it has meant that grocers and drugstores now carry many similar products. Sometimes the convenience of picking up natural foods or environmentally friendly soaps at the grocery store keeps customers from coming back to Marty's.

Still, over the years, Rolf and Marty have become known for their knowledge of natural products and people come to the shop for their knowledge as much as the products.

The couple's ideal future for the business would be to get to the point where their part-time worker could take over full-time, allowing Rolf to oversee the shop from an arm's length.

Marty's Health Foods / Fibresden is located at 13513 Hwy 118 west of Haliburton, just past Sears. You can call them at 705-457-3216.

County council costs about \$100K for 2014

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council cost just more than \$100,000 to operate in 2014.

Councillors on the municipality's finance and correspondence committee received a remuneration report for the year during a March 11 meeting.

County council consists of the reeves and deputy-reeves of Haliburton County's four lower tiers. The payments they receive at the upper-tier level are separate from those they are paid by their lower-tier townships.

Councillors are paid to attend council and committee meetings and per diem payments vary based on how many meetings councillors attended, as well as the length of committee meetings.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin (new to council in December following municipal elections in October) received \$685 in per diem payments.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts (also new to council in December) collected \$865 in per diem payments and just less than \$60 in mileage.

Former Dysart et al deputy-reeve Bill Davis collected \$7,975 in per diem payments, \$765 in mileage and \$50 in "other" costs for a total of just more than \$8,790.

"Other" costs are typically those associated with attending conferences.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was paid \$9,540 in per diem and just less than \$230 in mileage for a total of

just less than \$9,770.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt received \$9,775 in per diem payments, \$830 in mileage and about \$930 in other expenses for a total of approximately \$10,780.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge was paid \$9,720 in per diem and \$1,440 in mileage for a total of nearly \$11,160.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey made \$11,420 in per diem payments, collected \$1,065 in mileage and accrued about \$290 in other expenses for a sum of \$12,780.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen collected \$10,820 in per diem payments, \$2,130 in mileage and about \$260 in other expenses for a total of \$13,205.

Danielsen lives in Hastings County and is paid mileage from Wilberforce.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, who served as county warden in 2014, was paid \$17,280, collected \$1,860 in mileage and \$1,330 in other expenses for a total of about \$20,470.

The total cost for council for the year was \$100,454.90.

The three citizen members of the county's tourism committee collected a total of \$1,460 in per diem and mileage payments.

The four citizen members of the library board collected a total of \$2,935 in per diem and mileage payments.

That figure was \$2,587 for three members of the land division committee and \$746 for the accessibility committee.

Adults offered insight into supporting youth

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Like the local high school students who are participating in the Teens in Control meeting at Wanakita, adults are being offered an opportunity for insight on the same day.

They will gain understanding of the challenges faced by youth at the HHSS Parent Engagement Night where a StraightTALK presentation will be made on March 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the school's Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

Led by YouthSpeak founder Una Wright, StraightTALK is a sensitivity workshop for parents, educators, police officers and youth workers.

Wright will draw upon her own experience as a parent who lost two sons, one to a vehicle collision and one to suicide.

According to the description from the YouthSpeak website, the presentation will also feature youth speakers, who will "offer practical exchanges that are eye-opening, real and raw through their personal stories as they travelled the path from pain to wellness. The speakers share how their struggles influenced, not only themselves, but also their friends and families."

HHSS teacher and organizing committee member Michelle Backus said this first-time event for the high school is being offered because the school's believes it is important for parents to receive the same message as the students at TIC. The organizing committee included teachers Jessica Lloyd and Rebeka Borgdorff. They also organized the teens meeting at Wanakita.

Backus referred to the website that said participants are often deeply moved by the straightTALK! presentation. "Learn relevant insights, ideas and tips about youth resiliency and taking steps towards building positive relationships with youth from a youth perspective."

Pizza (from 5:30 to 6 p.m.) and babysitting will be provided if requested in advance before the March 23 deadline.

Contact Backus for this at michelle.backus@tldsb.on.ca or leave a message at 705-457-2950 ext 531.

"It supports our youth, our school community and our community at large. It takes a community to raise a child. You can never be too informed especially in this day and age with the heightened awareness of mental health issues and how we can support our youth in making better choices and taking the right risks," she wrote in an email to the Echo.



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Making medical history

JANET TRULL

Special to The Echo

Haliburton Lake residents and visitors know Maria Willing very well.

Along with her husband Brad, she owns and operates Fort Irwin Marina, and whether you are looking for a boat or a loaf of bread, it's Maria who greets you when you walk in. Watching her juggle all the tasks that this busy seasonal business demands, you'd never guess that she was born with blue baby syndrome (or transposition of the great arteries).

Despite heart surgery at three weeks of age, she was not expected to live to see her first birthday.

But Maria was a tough little girl, and on May 16, 1963, she made medical history.

Her story was recently featured in the newsletter of Toronto's University Health Network and this is how the article explained the complex procedure that saved her life.

"She was given the green light to be the first baby to undergo a new surgical procedure – a heroic repair to the transposition of the great arteries – performed by

Dr. William Mustard at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

"The Mustard Procedure allows oxygenation of the blood in the lungs. By 1987, the procedure had saved more than 500 babies at the Hospital for Sick Children and thousands worldwide.

"Survival to adulthood increased to 80 per cent and these babies became known as 'Mustard Babies.'

The procedure was successful, and it was 30 years before Maria's heart acted up again.

She had a stroke in her 30s and was fitted with a pacemaker, and now she visits the Toronto Congenital Cardiac Centre once a year so they can monitor her heart function.

Maria is grateful for all the medical research and the caring medical professionals that made it possible for her to enjoy an active lifestyle, and she never takes her good health for granted.

She knows how lucky she is to be able to enjoy her kids and be around to watch as her grandkids grow up.

She practices heart-healthy strategies by eating right, going for long walks and de-stressing at the end of the day. Evening cruises on Haliburton Lake are her favourite way to relax and count her blessings.

The water is always a calming influence on her, even at the height of tourist season when she is busy serving others.

Maria motivates her community by organizing charitable events, reaching out to those in need, and making Fort Irwin a better place to be. Haliburton Lake residents can boast about a lot of things. Home of the original "Mustard Baby" is right at the top of the list.

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She was given the green light to be the first baby to undergo a new surgical procedure – a heroic repair to the transposition of the great arteries – performed by Dr. William Mustard at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.



Maria Willing was one of the original "Mustard Babies." She was the first baby to have a special procedure oxygenating the blood in her lungs. She now runs the Fort Irwin Marina with her husband Brad. /Photo submitted

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Maple Moon Winery owner Eric Thompson, far right, explains how an evaporator machine, in behind, heats up sap for the maple syrup process during Nature in the Hood Discovery Days Series organized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. More than 20 participants learned how to make maple syrup and enjoyed tasting taffy.

Tree tapping with the land trust



Above, Mitchell Lloyd, second from left, drills a hole into a maple tree on March 14 at Maple Moon Winery, located just outside of Haliburton. Trees should be at least 12-14 inches in diameter before they are tapped. Some larger trees can have multiple taps on them. The educational event was facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust as part of the Nature in the Hood Discovery Series. About 20 participants learned the maple syrup making process and got a taste of the syrup.

Left, Maple Moon owner/operator Eric Thompson explains the process of making maple syrup.

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Haliburton team wins Lassiespiel

The 39th annual Highland Lassie Bonspiel held on Saturday, March 7 was another successful event held at the Haliburton Curling Club. This year, six out-of-town teams from Ilderton, Port Perry, Bradford, York Curling Club and Toronto donned their traditional Scottish wear and were greeted by eight local teams from the Haliburton club. The committee comprised of Lynn Childs, Sue Mason, April Martin and Mary Hillaby organized a fantastic and eventful day. To celebrate the start of the tournament and to add that special tradition of curling, the curlers were piped onto the ice by Fraser Macdonald. Each team played two eight-end games, had an enjoyable lunch, raffle draw and loonie auction that saw some interesting and unique gifts.

The overall 2015 Highland Lassie winner was a team from Haliburton skipped by Sandra Duchemin. Her team included Helen Baker as vice, Lynn Bartlett as second and Lauren Hunter as lead. The team from Ilderton skipped by Sheila Elston scored first place honours in their draw. Sheila's vice was longtime friend Lynn Childs who is a valuable member of the Haliburton club. Roberta Shaw's team from Bradford finished second along with Lindsay Russell from the St. George's club in Toronto. Settling in at third place was a Haliburton team skipped by Wanda Ruddy. This year's special award, the Sassy Lassies went to Ginny Carmichael and her team from Haliburton.

Many thanks to our main sponsor, Ruth Robinson from Cranberry Cottage. Her beautiful arrangement of prizes and gift selections were definitely a crowd pleaser for our "pick of the table." We would also like to thank Laurie Bonfield from Country Pickin's for donating to our prize table. As well, Heads Up Hairstylists, M&M Meat Shops and Sir Sam's Inn graciously donated to our prize table this year. A shout out to Lakeside Golf Course for their generous donation of two single rounds of golf.

The success of the bonspiel is the result of many enthusiastic and helpful volunteers. The Drawmaster and scoring duties were handled smoothly by Bob MacNaull. Our servers were husbands of some of the committee, Ray Baker attended bar, and John Watson, our ice technician provided an excellent ice surface. Local businesses (M&M Meat Shops, The Pump Shop and The Wine Store Minden) as well as curlers (Jan Ashall, Mary Hillaby, Helen Baker, Lolita Mitchell, Sue Mason, Cheryl Smil-



Haliburton's team skipped by Sandra Duchemin won the spiel. Her team included Helen Baker as vice, Lynn Bartlett as second and Lauren Hunter as lead.



lie, Jane Johnson, Jacquie Clarkson and Laurie Hillaby) helped provide donations to our raffle table which were met with great enthusiasm and participation.

Many thanks to all these volunteers and to all the curlers, too. See you again next year.

Submitted by Mary Hillaby

Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation

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The Board of the Corporation invites interested persons to apply to serve on the Board. The Board is seeking members to fill one vacancy for the balance of 2015 (with a possible 2nd four year term ending in 2019).

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Applications may be obtained from the office of the Corporation at the address below, or from Haliburton County at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario.

Applications are to be submitted by March 27th, 2015.

Applicants are asked to submit their applications and any supporting information such as a resume to:

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INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2015–2016 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft-Minden Forest

The Bancroft District of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed and approved the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Bancroft-Minden Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office and the MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 15, 2015** and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at the North Kawartha Township Public Library, Woodview Branch and the ServiceOntario office in Minden provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft-Minden Forest. Please contact Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc., Peter Nitschke for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

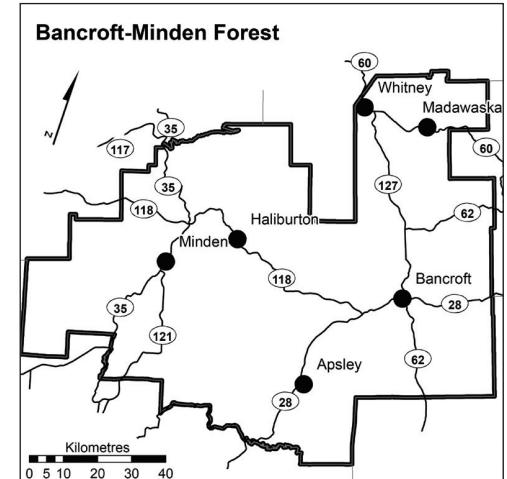
For information on the locations and licence requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the Bancroft District Office, Krista Ferguson. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc., Peter Nitschke.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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The view from the stands at the A.J. LaRue Arena after renovations in Haliburton in 2013. Winning the grand prize in Kraft Hockeyville would mean more substantial renos for the community institution. /DARREN LUM Staff

Online voting runs from March 21 to 23

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dleton, N.S.; and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L.

The top 10 nominees now go on to the voting round, which begins this Saturday, March 21 at 11 p.m. Anyone over the age of 13 can vote for their favourite community. Voting can take place online.

Simply go to www.khv2015.ca to vote or for more information on how to vote.

The voting period runs over a two-day period, ending on Monday, March 23 at 11:59 p.m.

The top two communities that receive the highest number of votes this upcoming weekend will move on to the final round of the competition.

If Haliburton is successful in making it to the final round, voting begins on March 28 at 11 p.m. and ends on Monday, March 30 at 11:59 p.m. Again voting can take place online.

The grand prize winner will be announced on April 4 on *Hockey Night in Canada*.

If Haliburton is successful in its bid to become the next Kraft Hockeyville, the prize money will be used to install a lift in the arena, said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

The \$25,000 Dysart has already won by making it into the top 10 is being earmarked for energy conservation improvements to the arena, said Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee.

Members of the community behind the

push to become Hockeyville gathered on March 16 to brainstorm ideas on how to make Haliburton the winning community.

"We're counting on NHL greats to get the word out," said Fearrey, citing NHL players like Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson as examples.

The municipality is encouraging everyone to vote and vote often, as well as spread the word through social media.

Information on Kraft Hockeyville can be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. When tweeting about it, Wilbee encourages everyone to use the hashtags #khv_haliburton and #krafthockeyville. Tweets using these hashtags increase our exposure and therefore chances of winning.

Cards with instructions on how to vote for Haliburton will be delivered to local restaurants and businesses this week, said Wilbee.

Fearrey said if the municipality is chosen as the winner there will be a big party afterwards.

Haliburton has a long-standing connection with hockey, with more than 40 championship banners currently hanging in the AJ LaRue Arena.

It is important to remember that while there is only 48 hours in the first round of voting, anyone can submit multiple votes.

Information can be found at www.khv2015.ca or by going to the municipal website at www.dysartetal.ca.



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Lottery and prize scams claim victims and their money

The Haliburton Highlands OPP has received a number of calls recently about scams and fraud schemes.

The OPP want to inform the public of things to watch for and how to report them.

Lottery scams and other prize fraud schemes now rank second highest in terms of the number of mass marketing fraud complaints, and fourth in terms of dollar losses reported by victims, according to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Many Canadians find themselves becoming scam victims, thanks to the excitement of a surprise win or to claim prizes from fake lotteries, sweepstakes or contests.

In 2014, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) received 4,400 Canadian complaints of prize or lottery fraud.

Of those, 652 people were victimized to the tune of more than \$4.3-million. Police believe 95 per cent of victims never report the crime.

"Many lottery and prize claim scams want to trick you into providing your banking and personal information to claim your prize."

"In fact, criminals will fraudulently use your personal information to steal your money," says Deputy Commissioner Scott Tod, OPP Investigations and Organized Crime Command.

Phone calls, an email, text messages and pop-up messages on your computer or laptop may make claims that the offer is legal and that there are relatively minor costs to claim the big prize.

By responding, you may lose everything you send to a scammer and – if you have provided other personal details – your identity information could be stolen to support other crimes.

"Legitimate lotteries do not require you to pay a fee or tax to collect winnings. You cannot win money or a prize in a lottery unless you have entered it yourself, or someone else has entered it on your behalf," says Detective Inspector Mike Bickerton, OPP Anti-Rackets Branch.

Members of the OPP Anti-Rackets Branch encourage everyone to leverage their social media interactions by using #dontbeavictim #fraudprevention and #OPPTips to help others identify and report fraud.

If you have been approached to pay a fee to claim a lottery or other type of prize, contact your local police service or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.tipsubmit.com.

Tips to help you recognize a lottery or prize scam

Never send money to anybody you don't know and trust.

Don't provide personal banking details to anyone that you do not know and trust.

Examine all of the terms and conditions of any offer very carefully. Claims of free or very cheap offers often have hidden costs. Calls to premium rate phone numbers or premium text messages can be very expensive.

Ask yourself, "Did I willingly enter this contest?"

Distracted driving continues to be a serious issue

Distracted driving continues to be a serious issue on our roads and the Haliburton Highlands OPP wants to change that.

In 2014, the OPP investigated 73 road collision fatalities across the province in which distracted driving was a factor. That number outpaced speed related deaths, lack of seatbelt use and impaired related deaths.

So far in 2015 in Ontario the early numbers are pointing towards distraction-related road deaths surpassing impaired-related road deaths for the seventh consecutive year.

Every driver has a responsibility to direct their entire attention to driving safely.

Distracted driving refers to all forms of distracted or inattentive driving, such as adjusting a vehicle's entertainment or GPS unit or stereo, eating and drinking, using a hand-held device, self-grooming or tending to children in the backseat etc. Drivers need to remember that the true danger to public safety lies in the distraction, not the device.

It should be noted that distracted driving is not just an issue among young drivers. Men and women of all ages drive distracted.

Collisions can cause serious injury and death and result in significant costs related to repairs, emergency service and lost productivity. Smart drivers do everything they can to reduce their collision risks. The fine for distracted driving is \$280 including the victim surcharge and a court fee.

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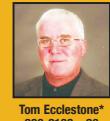


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Head Lake Haliburton \$84,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Totally private estate on Cul de Sac Private docking, boat launch & parkland Merged triple lot with amazing character Flat rock and a towering pine stand. <p>Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23</p>	Eagle Lake \$524,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3200 square foot home or cottage on 2.4 acres 95 Feet of sand beach on the Lake Flat area for kids to play on 4+ Bedrooms and 3 washrooms <p>Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968</p>	Building Lot! By the Lake!! \$68,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Lake with access to 5 lake chain Hydro - In Town Haliburton Prestigious neighbourhood close to all the amenities Priced to Sell! <p>Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22</p>
Kennisis Lake Family Cottage \$459,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sand To Deep Water, Sun Rise and Sets, Level Lg Dock, Garage, Guest Cabin, Fire Pit 3 Bdrm, Wood Fireplace, Pine Interior View!! Privacy, Near Ammenties, WiFi <p>Gloria Carnochan 754-1932</p>	Little Kennisis Lake \$719,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 505 Ft Waterfront, 1.76 Acres 2900 Sq Ft building Cathedral ceilings Gorgeous South/Southwest exposure; Two – 2bdrm cabins for guests <p>Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30</p>	Spacious Mountain Lake Home \$779,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 bedrooms, 2 and a half baths, outstanding beach Beautifully maintained, with huge garage for toys Log Bunkie with perennial gardens throughout Easy year round access, a must to consider <p>Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26</p>
Kushog Lake \$662,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 150 ft lakefront plus over 150 ft riverfront on 2.9A Both a sand beach and rock shelf to deep water West facing perfectly flat lot with lots of decks 1975 s.f. living space in cottage and 2 bunkies <p>Lee Gauthier 489-9968</p>	Recently renovated in downtown Minden! \$139,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,020 sq ft, 2 bdrms, perfect starter or retirement home Updates incl new flooring & an updated kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances Located on a municipal rd, laundry on 1st floor & uses in town services; very low maintenance <p>Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28</p>	Beautiful Gull River \$389,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Story year round cottage/home Nicely sized with 5 bdrms, 2 baths Full finished basement, rec room, games room Large deck, amazing swimming & boating <p>Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29</p>
Miskwabi Lake \$879,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-bedroom executive cottage/home Prime lot with almost 400' frontage Great shoreline, south exposure Miles of boating on 2-lake chain <p>Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33</p>	Old Donald \$175,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.9 acres close to Haliburton Lovely and cozy 2 bdrm home w/ garage Upgrades include high eff propane furnace, Kitchen appl, shower, elec panel & walk-in shower <p>Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23</p>	Davis Lake \$279,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spacious open concept year round cottage Sits on a private child friendly lot with a great sand shoreline and never dock 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 have double bunks and the large Bunkie has the same Perfect if you're looking for a quality cottage on a quality lake! <p>David Lee 286-2138 x 27</p>
South of Minden \$117,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well maintained home in quiet community Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen 3 bdrms, laundry room, woodstove, office Loads of space, private yard <p>Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34</p>	Little Redstone Lake Chalet \$950,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spectacular custom built Timber-Frame w/450 ft of frontage Open concept interior w/ walkout Gourmet Kitchen, Cathedral Ceilings, Master Bdrm w/Ensuite, Upper Loft Finished Lower Level w/large entertainment room, Bedrooms & 4 pc Bath <p>Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29</p>	13 Acres Minden Building Lot \$55,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 Well treed acres, both soft and hardwoods Building site and driveway in place Hydro and telephone at the road Backs on to privately owned, non-developed woodlands <p>Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491</p>
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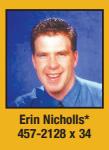
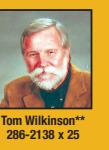
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Peewees win one, lose one in all-Ontario championship

The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee A team began their OMHA all-Ontario final series versus the Ingorsoll Express on Saturday, March 14 in Minden.

Our players were excited to get the finals started and play their best, for the many supportive fans out to cheer them on. Storm came out of the gate flying and had the Express on the defensive with three unanswered first period goals by Cole Prentice, Braeden Robinson and Joe Boice. Assists went to Isaac Little, Zach Morissette, Paul Turner and Tyson Clements.

The second period saw the Ingorsoll Express show why they have arrived at the Ontario final as they caught our Storm team playing a little flat.

The Express captain Parker Hodgson began to put on a skills clinic with quick speed and competitive play, scoring a hat trick in the second period to tie it up. Our very own Storm captain Ryan Hall would show he can match the skill and leadership by scoring two goals to respond in the second.

The Express would answer back with



The Highland Storm Peewee team goes for the puck during overtime against the team from Ingorsoll on Sunday, March 15. Up by a goal, Ingorsoll tied the game with a minute and a half left during regulation time. The Storm won the game by a score of 5-4 in overtime. Goals were scored by Isaac Little, Ryan Hall, Zach Morissette, Joe Boice and Benn MacNaull. The series is tied 1-1, with the next two games being played in Ingorsoll. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

one goal of their own to make the score 5-4 for the Storm going into the third period. As the third period began, the Ingorsoll Express came out quick and caught our Storm boys off guard.

The Express would go on to score three

unanswered goals in the period to take Game 1 of the series by a final score of 7-5.

A great opening feel out game, in which our Storm team learned how exciting, yet tough an OMHA all-Ontario final series truly is. Game 2 of the series took place on the very next Sunday, March 15 in Haliburton. Once again a large crowd of supportive fans came out to cheer on our Pharmasave Storm Peewee team in a crucial Game 2. With our Storm team knowing what to expect from a skilled Ingorsoll Express team, our boys were very ready to play. Our Storm team came out with jump in all three zones and clearly showed stronger team play by scoring a big opening goal from Isaac Little on passes from Nigel Smith and Zach Morissette. Ingorsoll, would push back answering on a goal by Parker Hodgson.

But this time our team would keep the pace up and lock down their defensive play from Alex Little, Ryan Hall, Benn MacNaull and Aaron Bellefleur. This solid play would lead to a rushing goal by our very own Ryan Hall to put the Storm ahead 2-1 after the first period. The Storm's aggressive

play in the second period would lead to some penalty trouble for our team. However, the Express would learn that our boys have had a lot of penalty kill experience this season as Zach Morissette sniped a short handed goal on super passing from Joe Boice and Ryan Hall.

The Storm would enter the third period with a 3-2 lead and kept the pressure on having Joe Boice score on a pass from Ryan Hall. Ingorsoll would push back and our goaltender Ethan Glecoff responded with solid determined play under pressure. The Storm would take a late penalty in the third period and the Express capitalized by making a tie game with only a minute left in the match. The game would go into overtime and our Storm boys handled the pressure by taking the game down to the Ingorsoll net. With only two minutes left in OT on a great shot from the blue line, Benn MacNaull scored the Storm winner for his team and our hometown arena went wild! The series is now tied at one game each with our Peewee Storm team playing the next two games in Ingorsoll this coming March 21 weekend. Go Storm Go!

Submitted by Jason Morissette, Head Coach

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Tough start for Storm Bantam A

The Ontario finals began Saturday against the Ingorsoll Express. The Minden arena was buzzing with excitement. A memorable event for players, families and the community. It was a well played game, although the Storm lost 4-2. Late in the first, the Storm had a man advantage. A hard rush, pass from Lucas Haedicke to Cooper and he snapped it in. Minutes later, Ingorsoll tied it up. Shortly after, Cooper's strong effort intercepted the puck, giving Patterson-Smith a breakaway, which he capitalized on with a goal. Once more, Ingorsoll answered back, ending the first period, 2-2. The second period was scoreless, with lots of back and forth action. Minutes into the third period, Storm on their heels, gave Ingorsoll a two on nothing rush that resulted in a goal.

The Storm worked hard but it was Ingorsoll that got another goal late in the third and sealed the game.

Next day, the Haliburton arena was the buzz, but the Storm sadly loss 3-0. Both teams were ready for action and came out strong. The first period was fast and scoreless. It was a giveaway in Storm's own end that allowed Ingorsoll a goal. Shortly after, another, ending the second period, down 2-0. After a couple of injuries the Storm was unable to recover and Ingorsoll takes a 2-0 lead in the series. The Bantams will travel to Ingorsoll next weekend for games 3 and hopefully 4. Good luck boys!

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Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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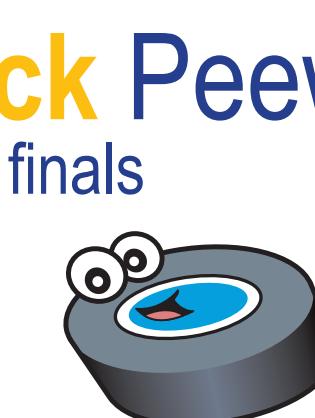
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Lady Hawks leave beautiful legacy

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks girls' varsity hockey team left the Ontario Federation of Sports Athletic Associations championship tournament last week in Kenora without a win, but what they returned with will last them a lifetime.

Success for the Hawks this season wasn't exclusively tied to winning at the all-provincial tournament where there were 16 of the best girls' hockey teams competing for gold from across the province.

It was rooted in the effort and the bonds between the players, coaches and parents who experienced this year's final journey for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School varsity girls' hockey program.

Soon after the OFSAA tournament ended head coach Dan Marsden sent an email about how he will remember this team.

"The little train that could," he wrote in an email from Kenora. "The wins we had to achieve to get this opportunity are important to remember. We have tremendous heart and a *team* commitment to effort and determination. We may not be a flashy highly talented powerhouse but we are a collective group of girls that gave 100 per cent and achieved *much!*"

In an *Echo* story the week before, Marsden called it a swan song, or, more appropriately, a "Hawks song."

He adds, the girls battled hard and showed great effort in every spirited battle they faced at the OFSAA Championship. "We (coaches, manager, school, par-



The Red Hawks forward Alicia McLean, who scored the equalizer in the 1-1 tie, rushes a puck up the ice against the St. Thomas Aquinas Saints at the A/AA OFSAA hockey tournament from March 9 to 12 in Kenora.
Photo by Brandon Logan

ents and community) are so *very* proud of all that this group of young ladies has accomplished. We climbed every hill and faced every challenge with determination and unquestionable effort to achieve the successes we did. Thanks to everyone for their support!" he wrote.

"It has been a wonderful season and hockey experience with this group of athletes ... a coach could not have asked for more!"

The Red Hawks boys' team placed third in their four-team pool with one win and two losses.
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Boys' hockey season filled with success

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team should hold their heads high after a strong season, its coach said.

Hawks head coach Ron Yake said there is still a lot that this team can be proud of despite missing the medal round at the Ontario Federation Sports Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship in Pembroke last week.

"We started the season with the realization that repeating last year's results would be very difficult and maybe unrealistic. However, as the season progressed the team gained momentum and came together as a team," he said. "In the end we repeated as Kawartha and COSSA AAA Champions, which is a remarkable feat for this year's team."

This was the team's third ever COSSA AAA title and the second in as many years.

Although the team fell short of the

medal round at the all-provincials, finishing third in their four-team pool with a record of one win and two losses, the team competed well, losing both games by a score of 4-3. The team scored nine and allowed nine goals through three games.

"We competed well at OFSAA but we lacked a little puck luck in the two games we lost by a goal. Although falling short of the team's goal of getting to the medal games the Red Hawks proved themselves again as one of the strong teams in all of Ontario," he said.

As a matter of context, Yake pointed out Robert F. Hall, to whom they lost 4-3 "in a back and forth game" were in the gold medal OFSAA A/AA game while the team they beat for the COSSA AAA title, the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints, earned a berth to the bronze medal game at the OFSAA AAA championship. "This proves as two examples of the high level of play of the Red Hawks this season," he said.



Pond hockey tourney raises more than \$17,000

This year's annual Redstone Lake Pond Hockey Invitational helped to raise more than \$17,000 for the Alzheimer Society research program and the programs and services delivered in the community. Since 2013, the event has raised money in the memory of Don De Maio, who died from Alzheimer's and loved the area. This year's total surpassed last year's. /Photo submitted by Pete De Maio

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's rare to have more than one winner at any tournament, but after this year's Redstone Lake Pond Hockey Invitational it was clear there were three.

The four-on-four annual pond hockey tournament is making the Alzheimer Society research program and local Alzheimer's programs and services winners, as the three-day event's record setting \$17,000 will be split 50/50 between the two, distributed by the Alzheimer Society of Ontario.

Won by Ciupo Reeves, the tournament has raised money for Alzheimer's research and local services and programs in memory of Don De Maio for three years.

There were 26 players who helped to set the fundraising record in the memory of de Maio, who loved the Highlands and the outdoors before succumbing to Alzheimer's in 2013.

Despite the heavy snowfall and a broken snowblower on the Friday of the tournament, held Feb. 6 to 8 the event went off without a hitch thanks in part to nearby resident David Douglas, who loaned his snowblower to clear the one ice pad.

Event organizer and Don's son Pete said he and the tournament participants were amazed by the end result.

"We're pretty happy with how much we raised. It was great. The guys really pulled up their socks," he said.

He said there were 214 individual sponsors, which illustrates the widespread support and the efforts the tournament participants put toward this record total. He estimates there were more sponsors than last year.

This year's Most Valuable Player, who got to wear the "red jacket" – same idea as the green jacket given to the winner of the Masters golf tournament – was Andrew Reeves, a captain with Ciupo Reeves. The Hustler (hardest worker) Award went to Matt Lewis while Ryan Ponseesse won the Sniper Award for the second consecutive year.

Last year the event raised more than \$13,000, which far surpassed the \$4,045 total from the year before.

Pete said his mother was proud when he told her of the record setting total and recalls his mother saying Don would have been proud.

He knows his father would have loved this continuing growth.

"He'd be happy we keep raising the bar every year, but it will be tough to keep this up," he said, laughing. "We'll go for it. Why not, eh?"

The extra money raised is attributed to more incentives added by Pete, who tapped into the competitive nature of the participants.

The top six fundraisers became the captains while the combined sum of each of the teams after the first round of the draft determined what order the top picks would be chosen.

Pete isn't sure if the fundraising total can continue to grow, but said he and the participants are willing to try.

"We're all extremely proud of it. It would be nice to keep heading on the same trajectory – a little more money every year. I'm sure at some point we'll have to expand the tournament. Maybe invite a few more players and [add] a few more pads. For now we're just having a good time. It's kind of organic the whole expansion of it so far. So, as long as the guys keep pulling their weight, raising more money it's great. It's fantastic," he said.

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Blog calls Lavergne 'X-factor' player

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Red Hawks wide receiver Kyle Lavergne is gaining the attention of universities across North America.

Lavergne, who is currently looking to earn a starting spot with the Peterborough Wolverines senior football team after playing last year for the Wolverines' junior varsity team, has hopes of continuing his football career into university.

After making a highlight video and sending it to universities in Canada and the U.S., Lavergne has been in discussion with a variety of schools such as Southern Arkansas University.

He said he was invited to training camp this summer.

Just recently, Minnesota State University and several Canadian universities also contacted him.

Another boost to his dreams came from the attention he received in Ontario when the Top Prospects Canada Recruiting Blog called him an "X-Factor" player leading up to the ECS (Elite Combine Series) Ontario combine – where players endure tests to measure speed, agility and

strength – that he participated in a few weeks ago.

According to the website, X-Factors are ones you may not have heard much about but who have all the tools to challenge or be elite.

There were combines in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Quebec.

Although he wasn't at his best, Lavergne felt it went all right.

The results from the combine, he said, are sent to 250 schools in Canada and the U.S.

Part of his decision of what school he will choose will also involve the area of study he is interested in.

It's all still early though for the Grade 11 student, who is only looking to the near future.

"My goal is to become a starter on the senior team and just get better in general. Even though it's hard because it's my first year [as a] senior I am still going to try and my goal is just trying to make it to the next level which is university ball and I'm not looking any further than that right now," he wrote.

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Highlands East skating club carnival this Saturday

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The Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club will present their Skating Carnival this Saturday, March 21 at the Keith Tallman Arena here in Wilberforce. It begins at 6:30 p.m.

Expect to see some good skating as the participants show off what they have learned and how they have improved this season. Also expect some interesting characters to appear as this story book themed show hits the ice. Admission is by donation.

The Wilberforce Curling Club was buzzing with energy on Saturday, March 14 as lots of children and youth took to the ice. On this first Saturday of March break six teams of kids plus at least one adult participated in a fun bonspiel.

Each team played two six-end games – one before lunch and one after. When not on the ice there were puzzles to solve and games to play in the clubhouse. Lots of snacks were available as well the lunch, which included pizza, hot dogs salad and sundaes.

The Hill team of Aaron, Ezra and Joelle skipped by Jonas had the top score of 34.5 points. They won both games with fine scores in each.

There was then a cluster of teams with very close scores. In second place was the Ron Roberts team of Michell Little, Sydney Little and Susie Cacia with 19.25 points. Hot on their heels was the Tammy Vaughan team of Taylor Donaldson, Isaiah Donaldson and Ken Donaldson with 18 points then Teresa Smith team of Justice Hughes, Kathy McQuigge and Logan McQuigge

with 17 points and Sarah Underwood's team of Chelsea Flynn, Stan Wood and Divya Nayyar with 16.25 points. The team of Kathy Rogers, Michael Rogers, Luan Florent and Stephanie Rogers also made some good plays. (But where was Grandma Roberta this year?)

Everyone seemed to have fun as they put in their first day off from school and work on ice! Awards and prizes were plentiful. Thanks to organizers for providing a day of fun.

Friends and family of Jim Burke have been saddened by his death on Feb. 24.

He was 76 years of age.

William James Burke and his wife Jill have made their home in Wilberforce for a number of years. It seems like only yesterday they were having lunch at the Diner or Jim dropping by the post office for the mail offering a friendly nod and hello.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at a spring interment at the Wilberforce Cemetery. A memorial gathering was held at the Wilberforce Legion on Sunday afternoon March 15. Sympathy is extended to his wife Jill, and sons Brad, Tom and Sally, his grandchildren and all of his family and friends.

The students and staff of the Wilberforce Elementary School are being treated to a live musical program by the Highlands Concert Band. It will be presented at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Friday, March 27 from 2 to 3 p.m. members of the public are also welcome to attend this free concert.

Many different instruments are played by musicians who just love to make music and share it.

It has grown from four or five who originally got together to jam to over 25 with a conductor et al when I heard them at a fine concert just before Christmas.

Do fill the hall and enjoy some show tunes and other familiars selections. Remember to mark Easter Saturday on your calendar for Maple Fest at the LWMC. Maple syrup, pancakes and sausage from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maybe the Easter bunny will hop by.

A sad farewell for West Guilford community

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
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A sad farewell was expressed on March 12 at the Centre when dozens of folk came to pay respects to Sandi Griffin and brothers of Robert Griffin after his passing on March 9. Sandi and Robert had worked hard as a team taking care of the Centre after many occasions, leaving it in such good clean condition always for the next event. Robert had been courier for the lab at the Haliburton clinic for years and the staff were all present at the memorial to honour him and support the family by their presence. Sympathy and concern for the ones who mourn is offered by the community.

A month ago the *Echo* wrote of the support and strength of friendship in the fight against cancer by Jane van Nood and Cathy McIlmurray. Both of these women have overcome their trials of the treatment and have survived. They give heartfelt thanks for the support extended from many friends, and we congratulate them on their respective recoveries.

Miles Maughan paid tribute on March 12 to Tom Chambers, fire chief in 1956 who died fighting the fire that year at the Bank of Montreal. Miles's very moving speech paid tribute which he acknowledged to be long overdue to this former fire chief as he presented the plaque which is placed in the Dawson Gray building in the Village Square.

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As a member of the health care team, the RN and RPN has a unique role in promoting health, in preventing illness, and in helping clients attain and maintain the highest level of health possible. The RN is responsible for providing comprehensive care to patients, with predictable and unpredictable outcomes who may or may not be clinically stable. The successful candidate will possess a diploma/degree in Nursing and a current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario. Recent experience in an emergency or long-term care setting is preferred.

If you are an experienced or new graduate nurse, interested in joining our healthcare team, please send your resume by April 8, 2015 to:

Human Resources
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0
kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
Fax: 705-457-2398
www.hhhs.ca

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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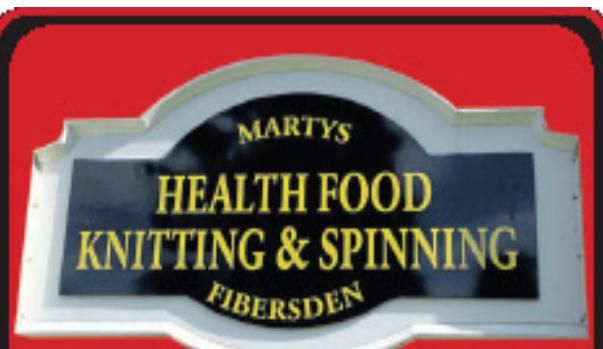
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June Branning of Minden would like to thank her family and friends for the memorable celebration of her 100th Birthday on March 8th

WITH OUR DEEPEST THANKS

The family of the late Ross Casey would like to thank family & friends for their kindness shown at the time of our loss. Thanks for the cards, flowers & food also to the legion ladies for serving such a lovely lunch.

Ruth, Gary, Brenda & Families

600 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join family and friends in congratulating Karl Kalinski who is celebrating his 90th birthday on Saturday March 21!

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Our thoughts go wandering,
When daylight fades.
To the land of long ago.
And memory paints the scenes of old,
In the gold of the twilight glow.
We seem to see in the soft dim light,
The faces we loved the best,
And think of them when the sun's last ray,
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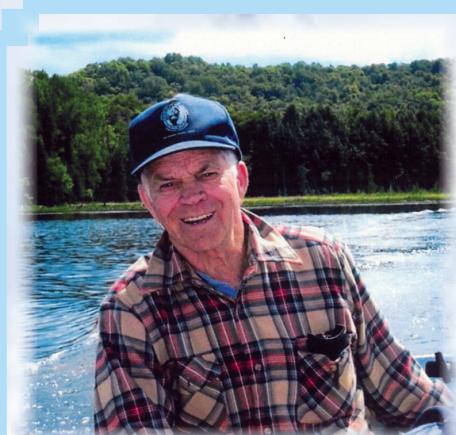
Lance Easton
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)
WWII Veteran H.M.C.S Signalman

Lance passed away peacefully on March 1, 2015 at Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton in his 89th year, with his beloved wife Marguerite and family by his side. Loving father of Michael (Cheryle), Nancy Stinson (Michael), Eleanor Shepro (Ron) of Arizona and Lynda. Dear grandfather of Lance (Debbie), Tanya (Neil), Ryan (Lucy), Shannon and Cory (Lindsay) of Oregon. Great-grandfather of Brooke, Mikayla, Katie, Ava, Alex and Chris. Brother of the Late Shirley Brandon, Ruth Lovett, Bill Coneybeare, Dorothy Edney, John Coneybeare and Olive Currey. Lance worked from the time he left the Navy until he retired with his family in the Easton Family Grocery Business which he and Marguerite eventually owned. He also treasured his fishing and hunting buddies and the many adventures they enjoyed together.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends may call at HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 10 o'clock until the time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to HHHSF - Highland Wood would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of Keith Hughes

March 21, 2014

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Troy Austen Attends Training in the Luxury Home Market

Haliburton, Ontario March 2015 – Troy Austen, Sales Representative with RE/MAX North Country Realty Inc., Haliburton recently completed a luxury home marketing training course offered by The Institute for Luxury Home Marketing held at the RE/MAX University (RU).

"The course is a step towards earning the prestigious Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist (CLHMS) designation which the Institute awards internationally to sales professionals who meet performance standards in the upper-tier residential market", said Laurie Moore-Moore, developer of the course.

"Troy Austen is an example of a sales associate who works to hone the special skills and competencies necessary to provide exceptional service in the fine homes and estates marketplace."

Troy is an award-winning RE/MAX sales professional who has been in real estate since 1996 and specializes in the Haliburton County market.

"Troy is now a member of the Institute and will be awarded the designation once performance standards have been submitted and reviewed," said Moore-Moore. "We look forward to having him on our prestigious list of Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialists."

For insights into the current state of the luxury market, contact Troy Austen, Sales Representative at RE/MAX North Country Realty Inc., Brokerage 1-800-465-2984 or 705-457-1011

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